

CRS HISTORY PROJECT

(ST) INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] 25X1A9A

Room 1012, Ames Building, Rosslyn, Va. , 1000 to 1200, 14 Jan.'72

TOPIC: Origin of Reference Center (OCD)

1. 1943 to mid-1944- with Col. Alfred McCormack MIS Chief on General Staff.

2. Mid-44- called in by Wm. Donovan, OSS, [REDACTED]

25X1X4

25X1X4

3. Mid-45 to 46 back to State, McCormack now there as first Special Assistant to Secretary for Intelligence and Research...at latter's request, wrote paper on vital need to continue contact operation for future US intelligence needs...Langer replaced McCormack two months later, saw paper.

4. January 1946- Presidential Memo to establish NIA and CIG.

5. As a result, on 6 Feb 46 three each detailed from State (Montague, Addicott and Ruddock), War and Navy to set up Central Reports Staff(CRS)...first daily summary issued 14 Feb.

6. After 2 or 3 months, returned to State to continue setting up Intelligence Procurement Branch (publications procurement)... as part of operation Toth was first in [REDACTED]

25X1A6A

ADDICOTT INTERVIEW - 2

- 25X1 7. Short time later, [] and 2 others visited KA from CIG's Central Planning Staff(CPS)...on basis of his wartime contact and pre-war IBM/Amer. Museum Nat.Hist. experience, asked KA to return to CIG and set up a reference center with retrospective search capability... returned to CIG August '46, officially assigned ORE in November.
8. First three he brought in to work on Center were [] 25X1A9A
25X1A9A and [] (Contact Register).
9. ORE- second floor, Central Building, '46
Reference Center first planning took place in "Q" Bldg., then to Central Building (all of 1st floor) app. Jan '47.
RC to "M" Bldg. June or July '47.
10. Contact Register's file base was selected portion of the 10,000 card index set. 25X1A9A
11. Re "Contacts"- Established by []
25X1A9A []..they concentrated on organizations, Contact Register on individuals (altho both had a little of the other in their files)...
OO/C established Oct '46 (CIA/HS Chron)...of the two, Contact Reg. was only one with machine capability...existed for 3 or 4 years before joining OO/C
12. RC/OCD consolidation put off (8 May 48) until after [] and 25X1A9A
[] had left agency... [] first 25X1A9A
25X1A9A chief of Liaison Division? 25X1A9A []

14 January 1972

FOIAB6

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

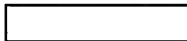
6 February 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Progress Report by the Director for
presentation to the NIA.

1. ICAP3 is now preparing a progress report of CIG activities for presentation by the Director of the NIA at the meeting to be held 12 February 1947.

2. It is requested that immediately following the hearings of the Appropriation Committee considering provisions of the CIG budget, a short report thereon be prepared and submitted to ICAP3 as an inclosure to its report. In order that this progress report may be completed on time, it is requested further that your summary covering the hearings be submitted not later than 11 February 1947.



25X1A9A

EW/ml1
1-6 Feb. 1947

FC

HS/HC-39

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~